

MILWAUKEE COUNTY ETHICS BOARD

Tuesday, February 7, 2017, Ethics Board Meeting Minutes

1.0 Call to Order and Roll Call

Board Chair Christian B. Flores called to order a meeting of the Ethics Board at 3:00 p.m. on February 7, 2017, in Room 203-R of the Milwaukee County Courthouse.

The Ethics Board Executive Director, Stephanie Hunnicutt, conducted a roll call. The following Board Members were present: Christopher Meuler, Howard Schnoll, Gary B. Manning and Christian B. Flores.

2.0 Approval of the Minutes for the Meeting of December 16, 2016

Reverend Manning moved, Mr. Meuler seconded, and the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2016 Ethics Board meeting.

3.0 Election of Officers

Mr. Meuler nominated Mr. Flores for Chair. Mr. Schnoll seconded the nomination, and the Board voted 4-0 to approve the nomination of Mr. Christian Flores to Chair of the Ethics Board.

Mr. Flores nominated Mr. Meuler for Vice Chair. Mr. Schnoll seconded the nomination, and the Board voted 4-0 to approve the nomination of Mr. Christopher Meuler to Vice Chair of the Ethics Board.

4.0 Report of the Executive Director

Stephanie Hunnicutt, Executive Director, and the Board discussed the 2016 Annual Report, 2016 Statements of Economic Interest and the status of the pending online ethics training.

4.1 Lobbying Reports from County Clerk, Joseph Czarnecki

These items were informational only. There was no action taken by the Board.

4.2 2016 Annual Report

Ms. Hunnicutt presented the 2016 Annual Report for review and approval by the Board. Mr. Schnoll moved, Reverend Manning seconded, and the Board voted 4-0 to approve the 2016 Annual Report.

4.3 Statements of Economic Interests – Annual Filing Report

Ms. Hunnicutt presented the Statement of Economic Interest – Annual Filing Report. The Board and Ms. Hunnicutt discussed the number of required filers who had not submitted a Statement of Economic Interest and ways to enforce filing by employees and officials in the future.

4.4 Ethics Training Update

Ms. Hunnicutt reported that she is working with Human Resources and the County Executive's Office to implement and assign online ethics training for County employees and officials.

4.5 Legislative Update

Ms. Hunnicutt reported on recent legislation passed concerning the Milwaukee County Ethics Code.

5.0 **Closed Session**

At 3:21 p.m., Mr. Meuler moved, Reverend Manning seconded, and the Board voted 4-0 to go into closed session.

19.85 (1) (f) The Board may investigate charges against specific persons.

19.85 (1) (g) The Board may confer with legal counsel concerning litigation strategy.

19.85(1) (h) The Board's deliberations on requests for advice under the ethics code shall be in closed session.

At 4:34 p.m., after discussion in closed session, Reverend Manning moved, Mr. Meuler seconded, and the Board voted (4-0) to reconvene in open session.

6.0 **Adjournment**

Reverend Manning moved, Mr. Meuler seconded, and the Board adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Stephanie Hunnicutt
Executive Director, Ethics Board